



PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Francois MALLET et al.

Group Art Unit: 1634

Application No.: 09/680,946

Examiner: J. Fredman

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Docket No.: 028662.96

For: RNA AMPLIFICATION METHOD REQUIRING ONLY ONE
MANIPULATION STEP

**REQUEST FOR CORRECTED ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF
CONSIDERATION OF DISCLOSED INFORMATION**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

An Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449 was filed in the above-captioned patent application on October 6, 2000. Applicants have received back from the Examiner a copy of the Form PTO-1449 initialed to acknowledge the fact that the Examiner has considered the cited disclosed information.

In preparing the Form PTO-1449, the cited disclosed information was listed as it was listed on the cover page of U.S. Patent No. 5,817,465 (hereinafter "the 465 patent"), the present application being a reissue of the 465 patent. However, it has subsequently come to Applicants' attention that the Patent Office created several errors on the cover page of the 465 patent, specifically in the "References Cited" section. Thus, since the Form PTO-1449 was created based on the cover page of the 465 patent, several of the references were incorrectly listed on the Form PTO-1449 filed October 6, 2000, and therefore do not correspond to the references that the Patent Office has in its files. See, in particular, U.S. Patent No. 5,229,297, which was incorrectly referred to on the cover of the 465 patent and in the Form PTO-1449 filed October 6, 2000 as U.S. Patent No. 5,229,287, and WIPO Publication No. 91/09944, which was incorrectly referred to on the cover of the 465 patent and in the Form PTO-1449 filed October 6, 2000 as WIPO Publication No. 91/04944.

In order to ensure that the references are correctly listed on any reissue patent that issues in the above-captioned patent application, a corrected Form PTO-1449 is attached.

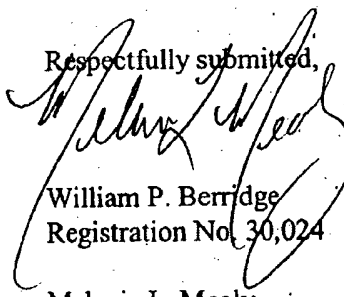
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The attached Form PTO-1449 corresponds to the Form PTO-1449 filed October 6, 2000, except that the references have been numbered and corrections have been made to references 4, 11, 13, 15, 16, 18, 19 and 23. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial the attached Form PTO-1449 and return a signed copy thereof to the undersigned.

A bona fide attempt to disclose these references was timely made on October 6, 2000. Thus, particularly in view of the Patent Office errors and the fact that the Patent Office files contained the correct references, and the fact that the Patent Office has acknowledged consideration of the references, correct copies of which were in its files, it is respectfully submitted that no fee is required for acknowledgement of consideration of the references correctly identified herein. However, please debit Deposit Account No. 15-0461 as needed in order to ensure that these references are considered.

Should there be any questions concerning this communication, please telephone the undersigned at the number set forth below.

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